

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Without concession as to the propriety of the outstanding rejection, the independent claims have generally been amended to more clearly and particularly claim the milk extraction machinery sensor apparatus.

The cited references at least fail to teach, suggest, or disclose a sensor apparatus including a single collection line connected to a plurality of extraction elements, a sensor associated with the single collection line, and a controller that controls activation and timing of the extraction elements, the sensor, and a delay period as recited in, for example, claim 34.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the new independent claims, and the claims that depend therefrom, are patentably distinguishable from the references of record.

A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below at her earliest convenience to discuss the patentability of the claims presented herein.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 19-1970 any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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